

STASSEN SPEEDS UP CAMPAIGN

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"Forgery" Charged In Red Bill

Flood Of Letters Up For Scrutiny

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—A flood of written protests against an anti-communist bill brought a charge of "wholesale forgery" today and a demand by the bill's backers for an investigation.

Members of the house un-American activities committee told newsmen the protests started coming in early this week and reached a heavy volume as the house started debate yesterday on a bill to curb the communist party and its affiliated organizations.

Acting Chairman McDowell (R-Pa.) said he will suggest asking the FBI to investigate what he called "an obvious communist plot to use the device of forgery to intimidate members of congress."

Reprisals

McDowell said many of the letters bear the "signatures" of prominent citizens and threaten political reprisals against congressmen who support the anti-communist bill.

Another committee member, Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.), said he may ask the post office department to make the investigation, "since this wholesale forgery plot has used mails."

"But if we cannot get an investigation from one of the federal agencies, the committee will make its own," he said.

Red Outlaw

The target of the protests is a measure which would make it a crime to try to set up a communist dictatorship in this country. While it would not destroy the party, its effect, Nixon said, would be to "outlaw the communist party as a secret, conspiratorial organization."

Rep. Mundt (R-S. D.), co-author of the bill with Nixon, said it was the first time within the memory of many old-timers in congress that lobbyists for any cause have become so frantic and so unscrupulous that they resorted to flagrant forgery.

Mundt said checks of some of the letters received proved beyond doubt that they were forged. In some cases, he said, letterheads of reputable business firms were used without knowledge of the company officials.



Former Minnesota Governor In Two Klamath Falls Appearances



Harold E. Stassen, Minnesota governor for three terms and a leading GOP candidate for the presidential nomination, is a big man, physically, as the top picture shows. Hundreds of well-wishers stepped forward to shake Stassen's hand when he finished a 15-minute speech from the steps of the courthouse early Friday evening. Shot at the lower left was taken at the local airport when Stassen arrived by chartered plane. Ernie MacBeth, president of the Young Republicans club, is shown greeting the visitor. Lower right picture was taken while Stassen faced the microphones and about 4000 spectators for his four-hour talk. Stassen and his party left for Eugene and points north this morning.

GOP Aspirant Defends Move To Oust Reds

Big genial Harold Stassen furthered his already very bright chances for favor in Oregon's preferential primary with two appearances—one an open-air speech and the other an informal "report to the family"—Friday night, then this morning left on a speed-up campaign jaunt that will take him nearly the length and breadth of the state in a single day.

The Minnesota republican presidential aspirant went to Eugene from Klamath Falls and was down for hops to Salem, Independence, Dallas, back to Salem, over to La Grande and Pendleton and back to Portland today.

Reason for the man-killing pace of the schedule is the insertion of Stassen's much-heralded radio debate with New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey in Portland Monday night.

Here in Klamath Falls Stassen and his party arrived by plane from The Dalles about 6:20 p. m., and went directly to the courthouse where he stepped to a battery of microphones and gave a well-received talk to probably 4000 persons who jammed the courthouse lawn and entire block of Main street.

Subject of the Minnesota's discussion was "Building America," and he called for a revival of the "dynamic, pioneering spirit of the West" to safeguard this country's dominant place in the world's future.

Stassen declared that whoever the GOP nominates for president next month, his party must commit itself to expansion of the West's resources, break through the housing jam and expand domestic facilities such as highways. "The spirit of building is needed in the republican party and in America," he declared.

He pledged himself, if elected, to have two Westerners in his cabinet, one the secretary of interior.

On the subject of another world war, the much-traveled Stassen said that everywhere he goes that question is asked him most frequently.

No War Seen

"No," he said, "not inevitably, but there is danger. We need a foreign policy to show Russia we mean business. We cannot drift along."

Urging that the United States quit doing business with Russia as long as that country seems bent on another conflict, Stassen said that in 1947 the U. S. sent more potential tools of war to Russia than to the friendly nations of England and France.

"It doesn't add up that we should make these shipments. We should tell the Kremlin we will not send anything that could become a part of a communist war machine."

Regarding communism and his proposal that communist organizations in this country should be outlawed, Stassen recounted the fate of six small countries of Europe that have gone red since the end of the war. In every one, Stassen said, communists were given a legal status which they used along with their underground tactics to take over the existing governments. That must not be allowed to happen here, he declared.

Place for Optimism

"If we show we are going to be strong, there is a place for optimism over the future. Remember, man was meant to be free," he concluded.

A question and answer session followed the talk and Stassen had a direct answer for every query. He declared himself in favor with most provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor law, of a required manpower (selective service) act, of government aid to housing, of government limitations on market speculations and consumer credits and against wage and price controls.

Later in the evening Stassen was guest at a Young Republicans club banquet at the Winema and his talk there was more of a report to republicans.

Wins Support

The candidate declared that the GOP all over the country is winning support of young people, of labor organizations and of states the party couldn't dent the past 16 years.

"There is a growing respect for the republican party across the nation. I believe we will carry the 11 Western states. All we have to do is follow up on the issue and have a united face after the convention, no matter who is nominated."

Another question-and-answer session followed the banquet talk and Stassen went on record as against compulsory health insurance and socialized medicine, against inclusion of railroad labor under the Taft-Hartley law, for continued parity-price support for agriculture, for lower income taxes, against guaranteeing military support to European nations, for this country accepting a share of Europe's displaced persons and for curtailment of governmental spending outside of defense needs.

By FRANK JENKINS

YESTERDAY evening Stassen spoke twice in Klamath Falls—once from the steps of the courthouse and again while he was eating dinner. The dinner speech wasn't a formal affair. Like the rest of us, he needed nourishment after a strenuous day. He ate more or less in a crowd, and while he ate he talked.

He had to sleep, also, which he did later. There is no record of anybody talking to him while he slept. Sleep still seems to be a private matter, even on campaign tours.

THIS morning, he took off early by plane for Eugene. At Eugene, he talked and lunched. Then on to Salem, by air. Public meeting there, on the courthouse steps. From Salem to Independence by bus. From Independence to Dallas, still by bus.

Back to Salem. Time, according to the schedule, 7:24 p. m. Off, by plane, for La Grande, at the far other edge of Oregon. Speaks there (presumably while eating.) Off for Pendleton, to speak again (11:15 p. m., according to the schedule.)

Then back to Portland. Time of arrival not scheduled. Probably too late to talk. Maybe time enough before morning to grab a little sleep.

FROM all of this one gathers that campaigning in these modern days of swift transportation is no job for a party-wagon. It is beginning to look like from here on out our presidents will HAVE to be young men. The old boys won't be able to stand the pace.

IN Washington, President Truman kicks off his formal campaign for re-election. He tells a cheering audience of Young Democrats:

"I want to say to you at this time that during the next four years there will be a democrat in the White House, and you are looking at him now."

The Young Democrats (eating a 42¢-per-plate dinner as they listened) cheered. President Truman was following the rules. In this country the rule calls for CONFIDENCE. Under no circumstances must a candidate ever admit that by any chance he could fail to be the people's choice.

Truman was being a good sport last night and his hearers liked it.

STILL following the rules, he took a hack at the republicans.

"These wicked republicans," he said, "have been obstructionists for the last 15 years. During these 15 years, he went on, they have "worked for special interests, for higher prices, for greater profits and for fewer jobs."

They're still at it, he added, tooth and nail, doing their darndest to make a mess of everything. They're following the road, he concluded, "that will lead to boom and bust."

DOES Harry S. Truman believe all this tommyrot that he talked to the Young Democrats at their 25¢-per-plate dinner last night? Oh, NO. He doesn't believe it any more than Governor Maw of Utah believes the similar tripe he peddled at a political meeting in Oregon night before last.

He was just talking politics in an election year. Custom in America has decreed for generations that when you talk politics in an election year you shall spend a lot of time talking through your political hat.

We all accept it, knowing that custom requires it, and pay little attention to such talk.

PASTE this in your hat:

If the time ever comes when the political issue in a national election in America lies BETWEEN COMMUNISM AND OUR AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE, we'll change our political ways.

There will be no monkey business then.

What we say, we'll MEAN.

Things Are Tough In Charleston

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 15 (AP)—Things are getting tough in Charleston.

You've got to wear stockings or socks when you buy a pair of shoes in a store.

The health department has issued an order making it unlawful for a customer to try on new shoes when barefooted. There's too much danger of athlete's feet and other fungus diseases, the health department says.

Violators face a fine up to \$100 or imprisonment up to 35 days.

Egyptian Artillery Destroys Jewish Village, Heads For Gaza

By MAX BOYD

CAIRO, May 15 (AP)—Egypt announced that two columns of her mechanized troops and artillery crossed the border into Palestine today, destroyed a Jewish village and headed northward toward Gaza.

Sinners Quit As Milk Official

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—J. L. Sinner resigned yesterday as president of the Oregon Milk Distributors' association.

Sinner said the press of private business would not permit him to continue in office.

The association is the organization through which a majority of Portland dairies have announced their refusal to comply with state milk labeling regulations.

Burglar Shot In Break-In Try

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—Leiel Leroux, 22, Vanport, was shot early today while two patrolmen investigated a burglary attempt.

Patrolmen William V. De Bellis and Charles R. Heibsen said they saw two men rifling a tavern here. De Bellis said he fired when one man refused to halt.

Leroux was taken to a hospital, seriously hurt. Virgil H. Gardiner, 35, Vanport, was jailed.

Buyers Flood Stock Market

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—The public hit the stock market today with the greatest flood of buying orders since 1929, but prices responded only modestly after Friday's sensational advance.

Volume of around 3,000,000 shares was the greatest for a Saturday in 15 years.

The new high speed ticker tape lagged behind actual transactions, from start to finish of the two-hour trading session, as much as a record 13 minutes at one time.

"Flash" quotations, used by the exchange when volume reaches such dizzy levels gave the latest prices for key stocks.

Orders came from all over the country. Despite the tremendous lifting force of this demand, final prices were up only a few cents to \$1 or more a share. At times some prices advanced \$2 a share.

Patton To Head Valley Loggers

EUGENE, May 15 (AP)—Harry Patton of the Hammond Lumber Co., Portland, was elected president of the Willamette Valley Logging conference at the final session of the two-day event today.

Other officers named include Robert Conklin of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., North Bend, vice president, and Herbert J. Cox, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, as secretary.

More than 900 persons from every section of the Northwest, including Canada, attended the conference.

Club Pledges Bond Purchase

Rotary club members, at Friday's meeting, pledged themselves to purchase \$24,000 of security bonds to apply against Klamath county's quota of \$860,000.

Merle Adams, Rotary club member of the general Klamath county bond council, had sent out letters to all the club's members urging them to get in their commitments for bond purchases.

Friday's pledges came in response to his letter.

A discussion of city and county measures to be voted on at next Friday's primary election featured the program. The Linkville cemetery levy was explained by R. H. Dunbar. Fred Robinson discussed the park levy. The levy for recreation purposes was outlined by Sam H. Smith, recreation officer, and Wally Hector discussed the proposed levy for improvement of Klamath county roads.

Occupants Safe After Fire

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—Approximately 90 persons were chased from an apartment house fire here last night in which two persons suffered minor burns and two others were hospitalized for shock.

Firemen brought the flames under control in a half-hour, but water damage to the three-story building was believed heavy.

Father Flanagan, Boys Town Founder, Dies In Germany

By EDWIN SHANKE

BERLIN, May 15 (AP)—Msgr. Edward P. Flanagan, known throughout the world as the father of Boys Town, died at an army hospital today after a heart attack. He had been inspecting facilities in Germany for the youths he loved so well—regardless of nationality.

The 61-year-old Nebraska priest—famed for his credo "there is no such thing as a bad boy"—was stricken last night at Harnack house, an American military government residence for visiting officials.

Rushed to the 279th station military hospital, he failed to respond to oxygen and special heart injections, physicians said.

Catholic army chaplain Emmitt J. Walsh administered last sacraments at the famed priest's bedside when death came. Father Walsh said he "died peacefully and in prayer."

Father Flanagan, who has championed the cause of under-privileged boys for more than three decades, went to Vienna last March to study Austrian youth conditions. During his tour he was received in Rome by Pope Pius XII.

Later he came to Germany at the invitation of the U. S. army. In 1947 he made a similar mission to Japan.

The Nebraska priest founded his world renowned home for needy boys in 1917 on the outskirts of Omaha. Originally it was a little house which he rented by borrowing \$90 in the Christmas season.

Boys Town has since grown into a busy community. Incorporated in 1936, it is now listed in the U. S. Postal Guide.

Father Flanagan gave sanctuary to boys accused of crimes ranging from petty thievery to murder. He pleaded in many courts for custody of the youths—contending that proper environment was the most effective antidote for curbing juvenile delinquency.

Funeral services will be held here Monday for Father Flanagan, with Cardinal Count Konrad Von Preysing, bishop of Berlin, officiating. Three American army chaplains will assist at the altar. Rosary services will be held tonight and tomorrow night at army chapels.

The body will be sent to the U. S. by plane.

Model Mine May Be Rich Find

CARSON CITY, Nev., May 15 (AP)—The model line being dug in the basement of the Nevada state museum here may turn out to be more than a model.

Excavation workers learned today they had struck high grade ore. An assay of the first two tons of ore removed showed \$65.50 per ton in gold and \$27.50 in silver.

Museum Director G. E. Green reported. The museum, located on the city's main street, is only a few miles from the famous Comstock lode.

NOTICE

The Herald and News today announces an increase in the subscription rate, to become effective on June 1, 1948.

The new rate will be \$1.25 per month for carrier delivery papers. The mail rate will be \$10 per year.

Rising costs of production make the rate increase imperative if The Herald and News is to maintain the high standards it has established.